THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (A) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Advance Passenger Information System

697. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Civil Aviation has sent a note to the Cabinet for its approval for introduction of Advance Passenger Information System which helps the immigration officials to get information about the passengers well before the aircraft reaches its destination;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Civil Aviation proposes to do away with baggage X-Ray of incoming passengers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Government, with a view to streamline facilitation procedures at Indian airports, is deliberating on certain proposals which *inter-alia* include introduction of Advance Passenger Information System and a review of baggage X-Ray of incoming passengers, in line with latest liberalized import export regime and international practices.

Revamping of Alliance Air's Fleet

698. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has taken a decision to go in for dry leasing of A-319 aircrafts to revamp the fleet of its wholly-owned subsidiary Alliance Air;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the salient features of A-319 aircrafts; and

(c) the terms and conditions of the agreement to be signed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) :(a) to (c) Indian Airlines has a proposal to

replace the existing 11 B-737 aircraft operated by Alliance Air by leasing of equivalent number of A-319-100 aircraft.

Indian Airlines has floated a global tender for dry lease of upto eleven A-319 aircraft fitted with IAE or CFM engines. A-319 is a narrow body, twin engine jet aircraft with seating capacity of about 122 seats (114 in economy & 8 executive class).

The lease term desired in the tender notice for aircraft is 5 years or 3 years extendable by two years. The last date for the submission of the offers is 30th July, 2004.

Investigation in helicopter crashes

699. SHRI R.K. ANAND : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serious lapses of omission by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) were traced in the investigation conducted in the helicopter crashes in Jammu and Kashmir and off the Mumbai coast last year; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against DGCA to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) :(a) The report, submitted by the Inspector of Accidents, in respect of accident to Government of Jammu and Kashmir's Bell-407 helicopter VT-FJK near Ganderbal, Srinagar, on 5.8.2003 has pointed out lapses on the part of pilot and operator. The Report is under consideration of the Government. As regards accident to M/s. Mesco Airlines's MI-172 helicopter VT-MAF at Mumbai High, on 11.8.2003, the report was submitted by Inspector of Accidents on 17.5.2004 which is presently under examination of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

(b) Action, if necessary, would be taken on acceptance of these reports by the Government.

CAT-3 Landing System at IGI Airport

700. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAT-3 Landing System has been made fully operational at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi;